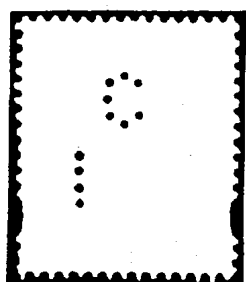
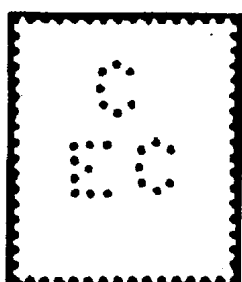


NEW PERFIN DIE FOUND ON ELLIPTICAL MACHIN.

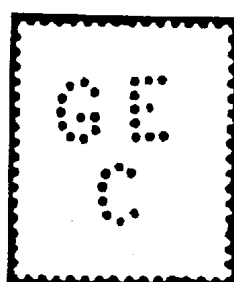
Three perfin dies on "Elliptical" Machins originally reported by Derek Ransom to Rosemary Smith, have been forwarded to me for inspection and comment. The results are as follows, but the membership are asked to help by looking through their own holdings for the dies concerned and forwarding relevant details for inclusion in future catalogues.



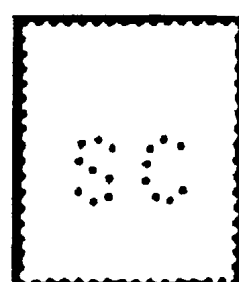
C3577.01M



C2310.01M



G1540.01



S1210.04M

The first die (C/I) on a 2nd class and 25p Machin, both with elliptical perforations, is a new die and has been allocated the number C3577.01M. The letters are clearly Sloper's, and their strangely offset nature give a clue that it was probably created by removing pins from an existing die. A fit was soon found with C/EC (C2310.01M), which is a known Sloper multi-headed die, originally 12x1, but modified to become 10x1 after the decimal Machins were introduced in 1971. The C/EC (10x1) die was still intact in July 1991 when Stephen Steere arranged for a strike to be made for the Society records, so I guess it was modified for a second time within the last few years to give C/I, say around 1995. Can anyone help further by reporting the latest sightings of C/EC (C2310.01M) along with any holdings of the new C/I die?

Secondly, a poorly punched (all blind) GE/C (G1540.01) has been found on a 25p elliptical Machin, but prior to this the latest known use is on Sterling Machins - one known dated 5/1/1971 - a gap of more than 25 years! Can anyone help bridge that gap?

The final example involves SC on a pair of 25p elliptical Machins on piece, postmarked 'Coventry & ..., 31 Oct 1995', and appears to be part of the multi-headed die SC (S1210.04M) used by Salford Corporation - latest known date of October 1984. Any reports of postmarks and dates later than 1984 would be welcome.